

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reexamination of the captioned application is respectfully requested.

**A. SUMMARY OF THIS AMENDMENT**

By the current amendment, Applicants basically:

1. Editorially amend the specification.
2. Amend the Abstract at the invitation of the office action.
3. Rewrite allowable claims 46, 51 – 53, 64, and 69 – 71 as independent claims, taking into consideration the claim objections of claims 43 and 46.
4. Cancel claims 38, 43, 55, 61, and 73 – 74 without prejudice or disclaimer (e.g., for use in a possible continuation application).
5. Amend dependent claims 39 – 42, 44 – 45, 49, 54, 56, 58 – 60, 62 – 63, 67, and 72 for sake of dependency or otherwise for sake of consistency with preceding claims.
6. Respectfully traverse all prior art rejections.

**B. PATENTABILITY OF THE CLAIMS**

In view of the fact that all remaining independent claims include subject matter indicated by the office action to be allowable, all claims are deemed allowable.

**C. MISCELLANEOUS**

In view of the foregoing and other considerations, all claims are deemed in condition for allowance. A formal indication of allowability is earnestly requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's deposit account #14-1140 in whatever amount is necessary for entry of these papers and the continued pendency of the captioned application.

Should the Examiner feel that an interview with the undersigned would facilitate allowance of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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